

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 MOSCOW 02296 171713Z  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-08 ARA-06 EA-07 NEA-10 ISO-00 CIAE-00 PM-04  
H-01 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02  
SS-15 DHA-02 IO-13 ACDA-07 SAJ-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00 CU-02  
SCA-01 /110 W  
-----171944 080907/41

R 171532Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4297  
INFO SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY COLLECTIVE 91  
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK  
AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY KABUL  
AMEMBASSY KINSHASA  
AMEMBASSY MEXICO  
AMEMBASSY SANA  
USIA WASHDC  
CINCPAC  
CINCEUR  
USNMR SHAPE BELGIUM  
DIA WASHDC  
CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN AFB  
CINCUSAFEUR HEIDELBERG  
CSAF WASHDC//AFINA/SSA  
CNO WASHDC//OP-614  
DA WASHDC//DAMI-FII  
OSD/ISA/EUR WASHDC

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE MOSCOW 2296

FOR POLADS

USIA FOR IOP, IBS, IPS, IEU

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 MOSCOW 02296 171713Z

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PFOR, PINT, PINR, MARR, MILI, CSCE, YS, PLO, XO, IS,  
UR, US, XF, KU, AO, CG, CU, MX, UN, AF, DA, SHUM  
SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 17, 1977

1. U.S. COVERAGE:  
--PRAVDA HAS SHORT ARTICLE ON SECRETARY'S

VISIT TO ISRAEL BY CAIRO CORRESPONDENT, A. VASIL'YEV,  
WHO MANAGES TO SAY VIRTUALLY NOTHING ABOUT DISCUSSIONS.  
HE DOES DESCRIBE INTERNAL ISRAELI POLITICAL SCENE AND  
PALESTINIAN DEMANDS.

--IZVESTIYA "INTERNATIONAL COMMENTARY" COLUMN

BY V. LAPSKIY DESCRIBES GROWING MOOD IN U.S. FOR  
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA. THE SECRETARY'S  
RECENT REMARK THAT U.S. IS READY TO DISCUSS QUESTION  
IS CITED AS IS "WELL-KNOWN" READINESS OF CUBAN LEADERS  
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH "ALL COUNTRIES INCLUDING  
U.S." PRAVDA HAS TASS HAVANA ARTICLE ON CONGRESSMAN  
BINGHAM'S REMARKS TO JOURNALISTS THAT U.S. ECONOMIC  
BLOCKAGE WAS "ABSURD" AND THAT ITS ELIMINATION BY U.S.  
WOULD EANBLE RESOLUTION OF MANY PROBLEMS IN U.S.-CUBAN  
RELATIONS.

--G. GRACHIKOV EXAMINES IN KZ TIES BETWEEN  
THE OFFICER CORPS OF THE U.S. ARMED FORCES AND THE  
AMERICAN POWER STRUCTURE.

--PRAVDA'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, G. VASIL'YEV,  
REPORTS ON INCREASES IN MILITARY BUDGET PRESENTED BY  
FORD ADMINISTRATION FOR NEW WEAPONS DEVELOPMENTS, WHILE  
SOCIAL PROGRAMS GET REDUCED FUNDS.

--KZ REPORTS THE DECISION OF BRITISH AUTHORITIES  
TO EXPEL TWO AMERICAN JOURNALISTS (AND EX-CIA EMPLOYEES)  
FOR THE PUBLICATION OF BOOKS AND ARTICLES DESCRIBING CIA  
OPERATIONS.

--IZVESTIYA RECOUNTS ALLEGED SHOOTING RAMPAGE  
BY AN AMERICAN ADMIRER OF HITLER AND NAZISM IN NEW  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 MOSCOW 02296 171713Z

ROCHELLE, N.Y., AND ADDS COMMENTS ABOUT THE AMERICAN  
WAY OF LIFE.

2. EUROPE:

--PRAVDA POLITICAL COMMENTATOR VITALIY KORIONOV  
HAS HARD-HITTING ATTACK ON "DANGEROUS LINE" PRACTICED  
BY NATO, CONGRESSIONAL CSCE MONITORING COMMISSION, AND  
EC FOREIGN MINISTERS IN DISTORTING CSCE. BY CONCENTRATING  
ON CSCE BASKET III "AS IF THERE WERE NO I, II OR IV,"  
THESE GROUPS SHOW NO DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT ALL ASPECTS  
OF HELSINKI ACCORDS.

--HUMAN RIGHTS COVERAGE CONTINUES, FOCUSING  
ON ISRAEL AND GREAT BRITAIN.

--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA SEE DANISH PARLIAMENTARY  
ELECTION RESULTS AD INDECISIVE.

3. ASIA:

--IZVESTIYA'S HANOI CORRESPONDENT M. IL'INSKIY  
WRITES ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS ADVANCES IN VIETNAM AND

DENOUNCES "WESTERN PROPAGANDA" TO CONTRARY. IL'INSKIY  
SAYS THAT FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE PRESIDENTS HUANG  
AND MINH AND FORMER DEFENCE MINISTER VI ARE NOW "LIVING  
PEACEFULLY" IN HO CHI MINH CITY, AND THAT "ABOUT FOUR  
THOUSAND" ARE NOW BEING HELD FOR RE-EDUCATION--  
DOWN FROM EIGHT THOUSAND "A FEW MONTHS AGO."  
--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA FRONTPAGE BREZHNEV-  
PODGORNY-KOSYGIN MESSAGE TO AFGHAN PRESIDENT DAOUD  
ON HIS ELECTION.

4. MIDEAST:

--CENTRAL PRESS HAS TASS DAMASCUS ITEM ON  
PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS BY PLO SPOKESMAN, ABU MAYZAR,  
WHO CONTRASTS SOVIET POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT  
WITH NEGATIVE POLICY OF U.S.  
--PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA HAVE WRAP-UP OF KUWAITI  
PRESS REPORTING ON USE OF "MYTH OF SOVIET MILITARY BASES"  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 MOSCOW 02296 171713Z

IN INDIAN OCEAN TO COVER REALITY OF U.S. BASE ON DIEGO  
GARCIA AND U.K. AIRBASE ON MASIRAH ISLAND.

--KZ NOTES MEETING IN ADEN BETWEEN FIRST DEP  
MIN DEF, GENERAL SOKOLOV, AND PDRY PM AND MIN DEF 'ALI  
NASIR MUHAMMED.

5. LATIN AMERICA:

--KZ HAS LONG ARTICLE BY V. CHURSONOV ON NEW  
SYSTEM OF RANKS IN CUBAN ARMED FORCES WHICH CONCLUDES WITH  
CASTRO QUOTES ON IMPORTANCE OF DEFENSE "AS LONG AS IMPERIALISM"  
EXISTS.  
--PRAVDA HAS TASS WASHINGTON ARTICLE NOTING  
CONTINUATION OF SERIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MEXICO AND  
U.S. DESPITE PRESIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS.

6. AFRICA:

--PRAVDA AND KZ REPORT NETO COMMENTS AT MASS  
MEETING IN MBANZE-CONGO IN A NORTHERN PROVINCE  
TO EFFECT THAT CURRENT DIFFICULTIES IN PROVINCE ARE  
CONNECTED WITH CONTINUED SUBVERSIVE ACTS BY DIVISIONISTS  
TRAINED AT SPECIAL CAMPS IN "A NEIGHBORING COUNTRY."  
TOON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN



## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS SUMMARIES  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 17-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977MOSCOW02296  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770057-0592  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** MOSCOW  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770232/aaaabcfm.tel  
**Line Count:** 161  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 2fa217c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 15-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3296904  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - FEBRUARY 17, 1977  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PINT, PINR, MARR, MILI, YS, XO, IS, CSCE, PLO  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkvgwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/2fa217c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009